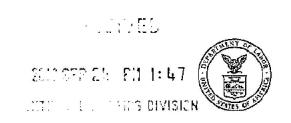
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Reply to the attention of Office of Whistleblower Protection

September 21, 2010

Regional Administrator (Al Armendarez)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Fountain Place, 13th Floor, Suite 1
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, TX 75202-2733

Re: Southwest Oklahoma Development Authority //6-3550-10-027

Dear Mr. Armendarez:

The above referenced matter is a complaint of discrimination under one or more of the Environmental Protection Agency statutes.

Enclosed is a copy of the complaint for your information and assistance. Complainant and Respondent are being notified of the investigative procedures of this office under separate cover.

If you require additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at: 512-34-0590; or you may contact the Regional Investigator assigned to this matter (named below).

Sincerely,

Anthony Incristi Regional Supervisory Investigator

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Enclosure: Copy of complaint

Regional Investigator:

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Line 1

By Electronic Mail September 15, 2010

Ms. Nilgun Tolek
Director, Office of Whistleblower Protection
United States Department of Labor
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
200 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20210

Re: v. Southwestern Oklahoma Development Authority.

Dear Ms. Tolek:

has retained the law firm of Katz, Marshall & Banks, LLP to represent him with respect to claims he holds against the Southwestern Oklahoma Development Authority ("SWODA") for violation of the anti-retaliation provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, Amendments of 1972, 33 U.S.C. § 1367 ("FWPCA") and the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300(j)-9(i) ("SDWA"). was after SWODA learned that he had reported illegal wastewater treatment practices on a golf course managed by SWODA to the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ"). These unsafe practices not only posed a hazard to golf course patrons and employees, but also resulted in the unlawful discharge of untreated wastewater into tributaries and reservoirs.

repeatedly raised serious public health concerns with and other DEQ-licensed wastewater treatment experts. Specifically, complained that SWODA was violating numerous DEQ regulations for maintenance of a total retention lagoon system that runs through the golf course. These violations resulted in workers' and patrons' direct contact with contaminated effluent and the discharge of untreated or inadequately treated wastewater into the Clinton-Sherman Reservoir and an adjacent creek, which in turn flow into the Little Elk Creek, a source of drinking water for residents of Washita County. Despite these complaints, SWODA took no corrective action for years.



¹ See map of Clint-Sherman Industrial Airpark and surrounding areas, attached as Exhibit 1.